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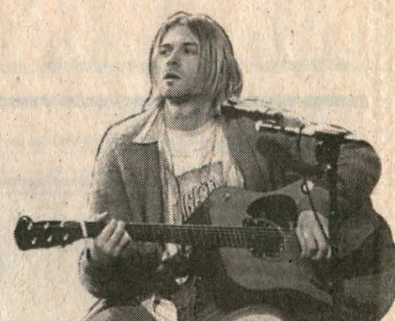
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Identity issues

Elva Casas
Staff Writer

Students are more vulnerable to identity theft due to the way many students handle their personal data, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Criminals steal credit card numbers, driver's license numbers, Social Security numbers, ATM cards, and telephone calling cards. They use this information to impersonate their victims and spend as much money as they can in as short a time as possible.

The criminals then move on to someone else's name and account information, according to the CSUSB Police Department website.

A national survey of college students found that almost half of all students receive credit card applications on a daily or weekly basis.

Many throw out card applications without destroying them and almost 50 percent have had grades posted by Social Security number, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

"Students are young and a lot of criminals see this as a crime of opportunity," said CSUSB Police Officer Julie Barbo-Garcia.

In 2004 identity theft accounted for over 42 percent of all complaints lodged in the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) consumer sentinel database. The complaints were up 40 percent from 2002, according to the FTC.

The total loss to business and individual victims for all types of reported identity theft--both new account and existing account frauds-- is almost \$53 billion dollars annually, according to about.com.

In over 25 percent of reported identity theft cases, the victims know or are related to the thief.

Studies show that up to 70 percent of all identity theft cases are an inside job, committed by a co-worker or an employee of a business that you frequently attend, according to about.com.

"Identity theft can ruin a person's credit for a very long time," Barbo-Garcia said. "A student might not even know it until he or she tries to rent their first apart-

ment."

To prevent identity theft the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) suggests that students should not give out personal information over the phone, mail, or through the Internet, unless they initiated the contact or know who they are dealing with.

"It is wise for students to not give out their personal information through MySpace or other internet websites. Students make themselves vulnerable if they do so," Barbo-Garcia added.

The NCPC also suggested that people should shred all documents, including pre-approved credit applications, insurance information, bank checks and statements, and other financial information.

Protect your computer from internet intruders by using firewalls and anti-virus software. Do not put your social security number on your checks and credit receipts, officials say.

Never submit your credit card number to a website unless it is encrypted on a secured site. The bottom of the screen contains a padlock symbol if it is secured.

Cancel all credit cards that you have not used in the past six months.

Order your credit report at least twice a year.

There are three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union.

If there are any mistakes on your credit report correct them in writing and send the letter to the credit report agency identifying the problems.

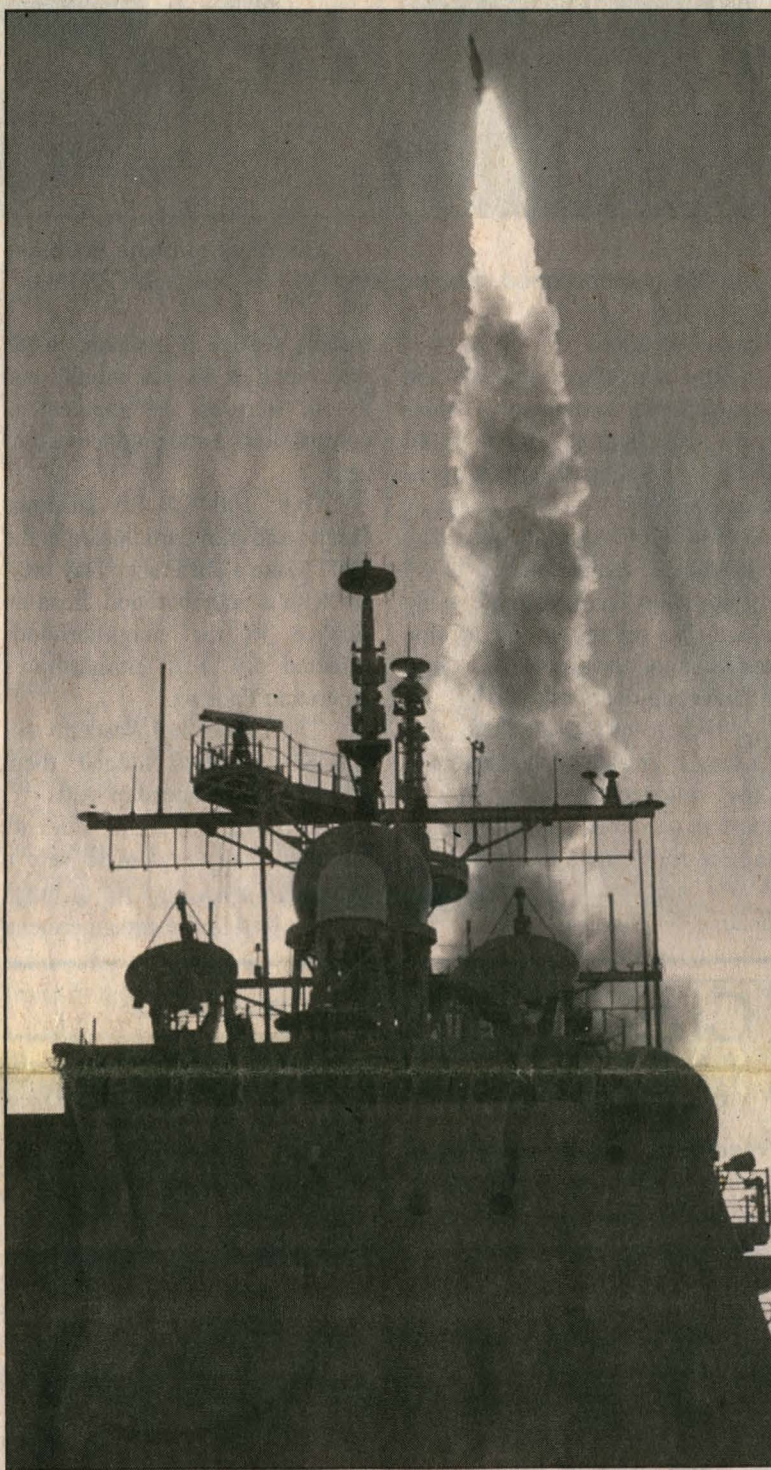
The increase of identity theft crimes has made paper shredders a necessary home appliance.

In 2005 Americans spent more than \$400 million on in-home shredders, according to news.thomasnet.com.

If you become a victim of identity theft contact a major credit bureau to set a fraud alert on your credit file.

Close the accounts that you believe were opened fraudulently or have been tampered with.

Finally, file a police report and a complaint with the FTC, according to Bureau of Justice assistance.



Courtesy of the US Navy

Russia and China are expressing concerns over the interception of a defunct US reconnaissance satellite last Wednesday.

Up in arms

Ken Dillard
Copy Editor/Staff Writer

The Bush administration is under international fire again for using a missile to shoot down a reportedly defunct reconnaissance satellite last Wednesday.

The U.S. earlier expressed concern over China's ability to target objects in space when the Chinese government shot down a weather satellite last year, according to a Euronews report.

Now, the tables are turned and the international community is speaking out.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jiancho said his government is "closely monitoring" the situation.

"China is continuously following closely the possible harm caused by the U.S. action to outer space security and relevant countries," Liu told the Associated Press (AP). "China requests the U.S. to fulfill its international obligations in real earnest and provide to the international community necessary information and relevant data in a timely and prompt way so that relevant countries can take precautions."

China's use of anti-satellite weapons in January of 2007 destroyed a target in a much higher orbit, creating 1,600 pieces of debris that scientists expect to remain in orbit for years, according to the New York Times.

The Russian government is also concerned. A report by the BBC claims that Russia suspects

the mission is actually a test of a developing anti-satellite technology under the existing missile defense system.

Relations between the U.S. and Russia have been strained of late.

The U.S. has been negotiating with Poland and the Czech Republic to establish a missile interceptor base and a radar station in those nations, which Russia sees this as a threat to its safety, according to a report by the Washington Post.

In a Pentagon press conference last week, Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, disagreed that the mission was intended as a showcase of a U.S. missile defense or anti-satellite capabilities.

"This was a one-time modification," Cartwright said. "The intent here was to preserve human life."

The satellite abruptly lost power not long after its launch in December of 2006. The 5,000-pound school-bus-sized satellite carried a tank containing 1,000 pounds of hydrazine rocket fuel.

The fuel could cause serious health concerns, according to the New York Times.

If the missile didn't breach the fuel tank, the tank could survive re-entry and rupture on impact, releasing a very toxic gas that could be fatal to humans, officials said.

The Federal Emergency

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Venezuela threatens oil supply cut

Stephanie Salvador
Staff Writer

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has threatened to cut off the oil supply to the United States if oil mega giant Exxon-Mobile is successful in freezing Venezuelan assets worth billions of dollars.

"If you end up freezing Venezuelan assets it harms us, we're going to harm you," Chavez said. "Do you know how? We aren't going to send oil to the United States. Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger."

The dispute began last year when Chavez planned to take over oil projects in the Orinoco belt.

Chavez claimed that the money would be put into the hands of Venezuelan people, according to the Associated Press (AP).

Exxon-Mobile denied the request of the Venezuelan government to sell its majority stake, worth an estimated \$750 million dollars.

The case was then taken to the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Exxon-Mobile was then granted temporary court orders allowing them to freeze the state's assets worth approximately \$12 billion, according to the AP.

"He knows how dependent the United States is on oil and we have not done anything significant to help the situation on a national

scale and that makes us vulnerable," Robert Blackey, CSUSB history professor, said. "He is radical and is taking advantage of the situation, but he is a politician and he may change his mind in the future."

The U.S. is the main consumer of oil from Venezuela.

However, Chavez claims that he plans to make up for the loss in revenue by exporting more oil to China.

However, oil analysts say that Chinese refineries are not designed to take in the heavy oil Venezuela produces, thus China would need at least two years to adapt.

Oil analysts believe it is unlikely that Chavez will follow through on his threat to the U.S., because Venezuela relies on oil exports, which accounts for 90 percent of the country's revenues.

Some analysts have also criticized Chavez by claiming he was trying to distract Venezuelans from his own political setbacks and growing unpopularity.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Congress' non-partisan investigative agency, is in the process of investigating the consequences to the U.S. on the potential oil cut.

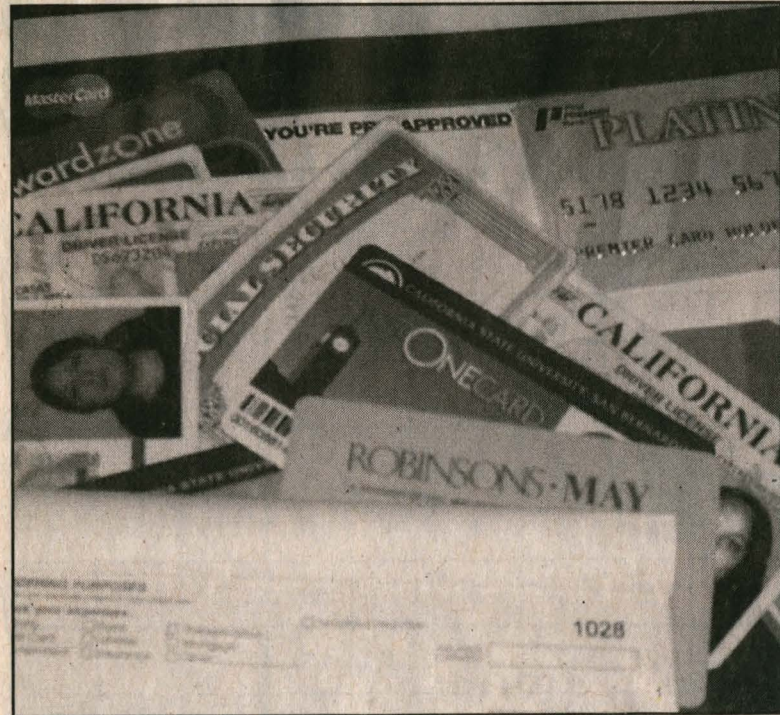
"We must make sure that all contingencies are in place to mitigate the effects of a significant shortfall of Venezuelan oil production, as this could have serious

consequences for our nation's security and for the consumer at the pump," Richard Lugar, Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said.

Chavez claims that if the "economic war" on Venezuela continues, oil will reach \$200 a barrel.

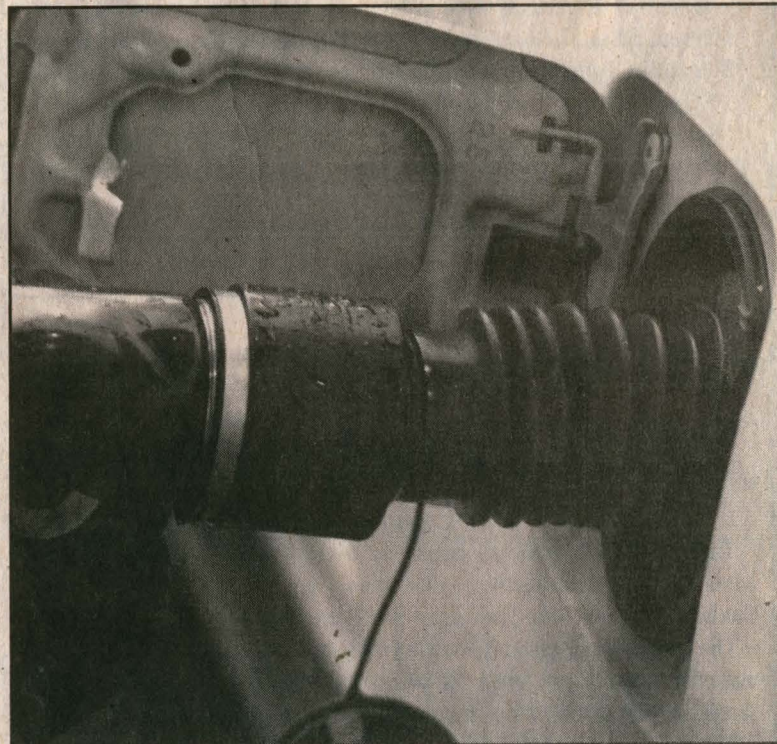
"More than one country is willing to accompany us in the economic war," he added.

"I think this will promote the idea to Americans that they need to consciously think about the threat of losing our imports of oil and looking for an alternative," Scott Norbryhn, CSUSB student, said. "Most Americans are not looking at this as an environmental issue but a pocketbook issue. So what will they do? They will work harder to pay for gas because they don't want to think of giving up their V8 engine cars."



Elva Casas/Chronicle

According to the US Department of Education Students are more vulnerable to identity theft.



Viet Nguyen/Chronicle

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has threatened to cut off the oil supply to the United States.

CSUSB excels at community service

Magdalen Lumpkin
Staff Writer

CSUSB won the President's Honor Roll award from the Corporation for National and Community Service for the 2007 President's Higher Education Community Service.

"Community service is an important part of the education students receive at CSUSB," director of CSUSB's Community-University Partnerships program, Diane Podolske, said. "Both students who signed up and are in clubs participated in our community services activities."

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school is capable of earning for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

The President's Higher Education Community Service is sponsored by many corporations: the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Learn and Serve American program, Department of Education, USA Freedom Corps, and others.

The honorees are chosen based on scope, innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses, according to a press release of CSUSB news.

CSUSB students did many services in the past year that have made a difference. Marsha Greer, a CSUSB professor, developed a



Courtesy of Diane Podolske
Alpha Delta Phi members volunteer for the neighborhood clean-up effort in the Operation Phoenix neighborhoods.

service-learning program. Her health science class would make brochures, fact sheets and power-point presentations.

Greer's students did this to help update people with disabilities on how to prepare in case of a natural disaster. They presented their creations to university officials and community first-responders. They also passed out their things on campus and around San Bernardino County.

The Palm Desert Campus even participated in community service activities.

Their Psychology Club and Associated Students, Inc. co-sponsored the annual campus volunteer

fair in Oct. 2006.

The fair offered students and members of the community volunteer opportunities in over 40 Coachella Valley nonprofit agencies.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program put in 8,754 service hours last year in preparing income tax returns for low income residents at seven sites in four Inland Empire areas.

"We teach our students that serving a greater good means not only volunteering one's time to those in need, but also understanding the root causes of community issues and how to effect real change," Podolske said. "We

believe service is essential to the well being of our community and to our students' development as compassionate and productive citizens."

Over 100 CSUSB students, faculty and staff participated in the 2007 Make a Difference Day project with a neighborhood clean-up service in the neighborhoods affected by San Bernardino's Operation Phoenix.

The Leadership Academy for CSUSB students helped them improve their leadership skills.

Thirty-five of the students provided their services to help a local high school get rid of brush that can lead to fire endangerment.

CSU reaches out

Elsa Escarcega
Staff Writer

CSU presidents and officials reached out to 80,000 African-American church youths in California.

The CSU chancellor, presidents, trustees, and other officials of the 23 California State Universities (CSU) spoke at different African American churches across the state as part of the Third Annual CSU Super Sunday. They sought to encourage African-American students to attend college.

The events took place Feb. 17 at 30 Northern California churches and Feb. 24 at 22 Southern California churches. The address to the congregations included information about financial aid, college applications and the introduction of CSU Mentor, a website where students apply for CSU.

CSUSB President Albert Karnig spoke at St. Peter's Church in Bakersfield on Feb. 17 at 10:00 a.m. Along with president Karnig, another 29 representatives of CSU spoke at different churches in Northern California.

On Feb. 24, the speeches took place at 22 Southern California churches. Milton Clark, CSUSB dean of undergraduate studies, spoke at Second AME Church in Los Angeles where he addressed the importance of parental involvement in college education.

"The intention of Super Sunday is to communicate with students, but particularly to their parents, using churches as a venue to emphasize what's available to students and to depict the reasons why it's important to secure a college education," Karnig said.

The CSU Chancellor's Office sponsored the events that consisted of awareness of the critical role of parenting in college education. During the speeches, the parents and students received admissions information and had the opportunity to ask questions.

"At Super Sunday, thousands of students and their families learn that planning for college starts in the sixth grade. We hope to make communities aware of the steps that students need to complete each year to get to college," CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed said. "We are pleased to say that these efforts are paying off. In recent years we have noticed an increase in African-American applications and enrollment. In Fall 2007, African-American enrollment increased by 6.5 percent at CSU campuses."

One of the resources provided to students and parents during the events was a "How to Get to College" flyer.

It gave step-by-step guides on how to transition to college from middle school and high school.

The importance of financial aid was a relevant point that the administrators discussed with the congregations.

"It might be very effective to do those type of programs especially at the churches because if a speaker goes to a church, the people will listen and it is more powerful to reach congregations," CSUSB student Kevin Champagnie said. "It would be helpful to reach lower income areas to talk with the parents about financial aid and how to go to college. This program should reach everybody not only church communities."

Scholarship workshops

Yahaira Hernandez
Staff Writer

CSUSB financial aid and scholarship workshops deadlines approach.

Currently, potential students are encouraged to attend at least one of the upcoming workshops to be held on campus.

"Undergraduate students of the California State University (CSU) system who wish to receive financial aid during the 2008-2009 college year should file the FAFSA before March 3.

Financial aid workshops will cover types of aid available, how financial need is determined, how to complete the FAFSA, how to avoid application errors, the application process and more.

Students may apply online at <http://finaid.csusb.edu> under 'Applications and Forms'. The deadlines for the websites are for Thursday, Feb 28 from 6-7 p.m., in University Hall room 242 and Monday from noon-1 p.m. in University hall room 250. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not required.

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Satellite shot down

Management Administration (FEMA) issued a statement reminding first responders that any debris from the satellite's re-entry "should be considered potentially hazardous."

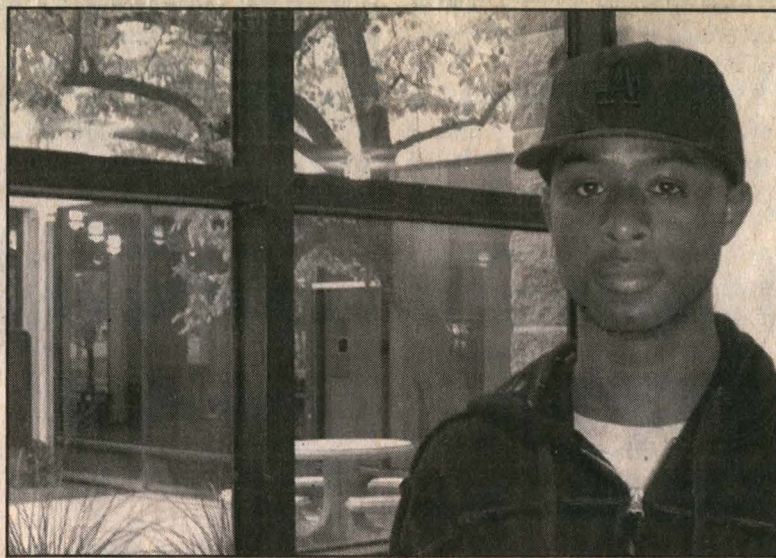
Although debris from the satellite could potentially be very dangerous, the U.S. is confident that the mission was a complete success, according to an AP report.

Cartwright estimated that there was an 80 to 90 percent chance that the missile made a direct hit on the satellite's fuel tank.

"We have a fireball, and given that there's no fuel (on the tip of the missile), that would indicate that that's a hydrazine fire," he said.

The official statement from the Pentagon stated that the Lake Erie, an Aegis-class cruiser, launched the missile at just before 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 20.

The missile hit the satellite, which was traveling just above the Earth's atmosphere at roughly 1,700 miles per hour.



Elsa Escarcega/Chronicle
CSUSB student Kevin Champagnie feels that it is more powerful to reach congregations.

Would you like to write for The Chronicle? Sign up for Comm-243A in the spring quarter.

Last week's Sudoku answers

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Rape: what to do

Donna Parrish
Staff Writer

Over 80 percent of all sexual assault is committed by an acquaintance of the victim.

One half of all sexual assaults happen in the home of the victim or assailant, according to statistics from the CSUSB Student Health Center (SHC).

Reports from the SHC speculated that more students have visited the SHC for rape this year than in previous years.

Those at the SHC believe this could be a sign that sexual assault is on the rise or perhaps more students are becoming aware of how important it is to get involved and communicate their experiences.

The SHC believes that there are a few key things to remember if one finds themselves the victim of a sexual assault.

The first is, get to a safe place and contact someone who can help you.

Next, it is advised to not shower, drink, eat or change clothes.

Finally, get medical attention, write down everything you can remember, and seek counseling.

Counseling is the most positive course you can take and it should be taken as soon as possible.

Many victims of sexual assault feel they can handle it themselves by locking the incident away in their mind.

"Talking to someone you trust in a safe environment can frame your experience into a chapter of your life, not defining your life,"

said Bridget Tucker, a counselor at the SHC.

Tucker said, "counseling can encourage you to discern what power you have to change your life and what you do not have power to change.

"The psychological damage from a sexual assault can inhibit

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Seek counseling

your ability to have an intimate sexual relationship with your life-time partner, which is so very important for a meaningful relationship," Tucker said.

Tucker said that common post-sexual assault reactions can include emotional shock, shame and guilt.

These reactions can trigger emotional and physical reactions like fear, physical stress and

depression.

"The element of trust is taken from you and if the action is taken by another human the trauma is more pronounced," Tucker said.

Therapy provides an education of what others have gone through.

Through the experiences taken from therapy, individuals have the opportunity to take charge of their life and deal with the experience in the most healthy way possible.

Sexual Assault does not just happen to women, either.

According to facts from the SHC, one in six men are sexually assaulted by the time they reach the age of 18.

SHC statistics also show that 16 percent of college males will be assaulted while attending a four-year university.

Men are less likely to report their assault and don't usually ask for help.

They fear not being believed or being blamed. Men do not want their "manhood" questioned and they become concerned with their own sexuality.

As in any crime, the effectiveness and speed of recovery depends largely on how well the victims are supported, both by those close to them and other agencies, and the quality of information they receive.

Those with questions regarding counseling are encouraged to contact Tucker at (909) 537-5040.

Kathleen Cole, a nurse practitioner from the SHC, can be contacted for medical advice at (909) 537-7739.

'Freedom Writers' author visits

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

An author and a teacher who wanted to transform the lives of teenagers living in a racially divided urban community made an appearance at CSUSB for the third Annual Symposium hosted by the College of Education.

Erin Gruwell, the author of "Freedom Writers," spoke on Wisdom in Education, which was hosted again by the College of Education and planned by the symposium planning committee.

Gruwell was introduced Tuesday by Dean Patricia Arlin from the College of Education and welcomed by Marilyn Karnig, CSUSB President Albert Karnig's wife.

Gruwell received her undergraduate degree from the University of California Irvine.

Gruwell later went on to earn her Masters degree and teaching credentials from California State University Long Beach.

Gruwell received her first job as a teacher at Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif. in 1993.

Gruwell wanted her purpose as a teacher to transform the lives of teenagers living in a racially divided urban community who had already been hardened by first-hand exposure to gang violence, juvenile detention and drugs.

Gruwell said she incorporated and fostered an educational environment, which promoted and valued diversity.

Gruwell's teaching adventure started in classroom 203 only to discover "many of the students had been written off by the education system and deemed un-teachable."

She said she tried to encourage her students to think about life in a positive way and reconsider daily decisions.

Gruwell describes classroom 203 as "students were separated from each other by race."

Latinos, African-Americans, and Asian immigrant students sat within their race groups, one Caucasian student, who had dyslexia, was left in the classroom to fend for himself.

Gruwell noticed how the majority of students didn't have backpacks or notebooks with pens and pencils, but were instead had guns.

Gruwell used her student Maria as an example throughout the night to illustrate how teachers



Shantal Anderson/Chronicle
Freedom Writers author Erin Gruwell signing a copy of her book at the College of Education's Wisdom in Education symposium.

can make a positive change in their students' lives.

Maria was the student with the toughest barrier to break because of the hard life she had as child, such as witnessing her father being sent to jail.

Gruwell described Maria as a student who came into the classroom with no sense of direction, an ankle monitor around her leg, and a probation officer following her everywhere by the age of 14.

She had always been in boot camp and juvenile hall," she said.

"Her mind was also about survival, and it was a matter of time before she was going to be back behind bars, just like her daddy, and just like her grandpa" said Gruwell.

Many other students like Maria triggered Gruwell to encourage her students to re-think daily decisions and re-chart the future.

Gruwell helped her students shatter stereotypes to become critical thinkers, aspiring college students, and citizens for change.

It was during this time of change that her students had the idea to call themselves the 'Freedom Writers' to promote their newfound confidence.

They wrote in the diary about the conflict and adversity they faced in their everyday lives.

This initiated a promise of change for their lives.

Gruwell associates her Freedom Writers program as homage to "The Freedom Riders" of

the civil rights movement.

Gruwell and 150 teenagers used writing to change themselves and the world around them by publishing "The Freedom Writers Diary."

Gruwell decided to unite her students by comparing how literature and the lives of her students are similar.

Gruwell compared the situation of her students and their violent surroundings with the story of Anne Frank, trapped in a cage surrounded by war. Gruwell has been able to help many of her students become first generation graduates from high school.

She was also able to help her students continue on to college to pursue their career goals.

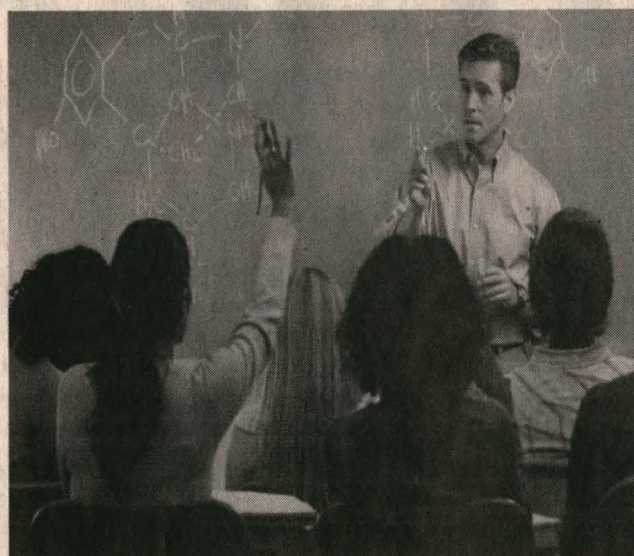
The students and their diary received support and recognition around the nation from Oprah, Good Morning America, CSPAN, Prime Time Live with Connie Chung, The View and many more.

Gruwell's students were featured on National Public Radio, national newspapers, and People magazine.

In January of 2007, Paramount pictures released "Freedom Writers," a film based on the story of Gruwell and her students, with Academy Award winner Hilary Swank portraying Erin Gruwell.

"Education first and foremost, starts in our homes," Gruwell said as she acknowledges the middle and high school students in the crowd.

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Explorations in law enforcement careers:

Criminal Justice department co-sponsors career expo

Shantal Anderson
Staff Writer

The Criminal Justice Department and Criminal Justice Club will co-sponsor this year's annual Career Exploration Day on March 6.

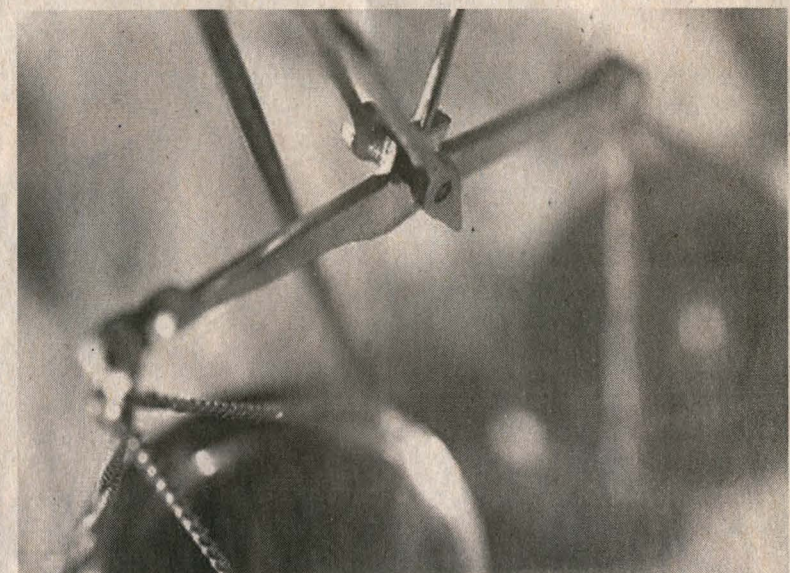
The purpose of this year's career event is to give students the opportunity and options to explore many different jobs and field-work offered in the Criminal Justice field.

Over 30 agencies from the federal, state, and county levels will give not only criminal justice majors information on future careers and internships, but will also give them an insight to what the field is like.

"Some of the positions offered by the agencies do not require a degree in Criminal Justice, but it is a plus," said Mary Schmidt, the administrative assistant for the Criminal Justice department.

"One of our recent criminal justice graduate student works for the secret service," Schmidt said.

"Career day is a very benefi-



cial meeting for both the students and recruiters. Agencies are very anxious to recruit students."

For students interested in working for the FBI, the prerequisite for hiring is completing a clean background-check.

The prerequisite for attaining a position with the Homeland Security Department is having a degree in criminal justice.

Some of the organizations attending will be the San

Bernardino Police Department, FBI, Drug Enforce Administration, San Bernardino Superior Court, Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Customs, California Highway Patrol, DMV investigations, U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino Probation Dept and many more.

Schmidt encourages all students to go because the event is open to all students and staff.

Dancing for spiritual pleasure



Courtesy of Andrianne Rogers
Hip hop to jazz mixed with energy, music and fog machines splashed across CSUSB's stage in, "Choreophilia."

Jamie Murray
Staff Writer

High energy, loud music, fog machines, flashing lights and crazy acrobatic tricks could be found in high abundance at CSUSB's University Dance Company's (UDC) annual show titled "Choreophilia: Dancing for Spiritual Pleasure."

The audience was unanimous. UDC put on a fantastic show for Valentine's weekend.

"It was just moving," CSUSB sophomore Antinisha Harris said. "They captured every emotion."

The show consisted of 24 dance routines.

The styles of dance varied from hip-hop to ballet, from tap to lyrical and somewhere in between. Many of the dance routines were done to popular hip-hop music.

The audience could not help but get pulled into her dance.

Often it is difficult for a dancer whose forte is in delicate dance-types such as ballet, to make hip-hop look natural.

Price succeeded in performing hip-hop, ballet and lyrical dances with equal levels of familiarity and passion.

Short biographies of the UDC choreographers featured on a display board outside of the recital hall explaining the dancers' passions.

Price danced in a routine called "Safe & Sound," and another called "All is Full of Love," both choreographed by Ben Rosenberg, another dancer who caught the attention of the audience.

It is hard to believe that Rosenberg never had any formal dance training in a studio.

"Safe & Sound", choreographed by Price and Rosenberg, certainly left a sound impression on the audience.

Price and Rosenberg worked off of emotions to create almost tangible feelings during their dance.

"Both of the pieces I choreographed deal greatly with relationships and the struggles and suffering we put ourselves through in the name of connections with others," Rosenberg said.

It was very disappointing to see that there were very few audience members who showed support.

Hopefully next year's recital will draw the attention that it deserves.

This was appealing to some of the audience and disappointing to others.

During the opening dance routine, which featured all UDC members, the audience cheered and stomped their feet.

The enthusiasm of the dancers made the experience fun for all members of the audience.

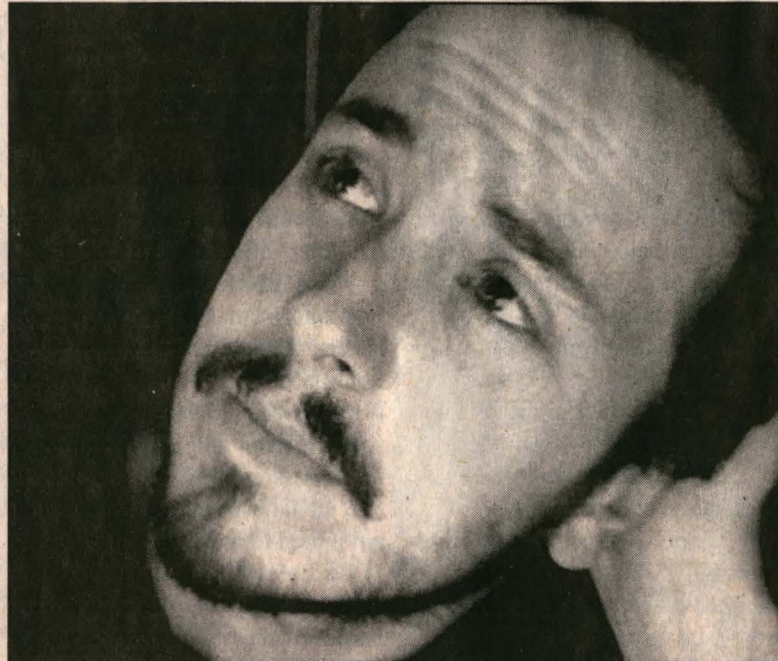
Several members of the audience voiced that they thoroughly enjoyed the tap-dancing routine during the first part of the show.

Although the entire performance was a treat to watch, there were a handful of dancers and routines that really represented spiritual pleasure.

Raychel Price is one of the dancers who spread that spiritual pleasure to the audience.

The fluidity of Price's movements and the serene expression on her face really enticed the audience.

Mickey Mouse: music mogul



Courtesy of mattmorris.net
The Mickey Mouse Club produces another adult-pop talent.

Christine Garcia
Staff Writer

There are a few things you can count on from Disney's Mickey Mouse club: singing, dancing and talented cast members.

Matt Morris, a 28-year old Denver, Colorado native is an ex-mousketeer turned songwriter/producer/singer.

Morris is an artist with amazing talent, whose music combines sounds of soul, jazz and pop.

His first studio recorded

album, "UnSpoken," was independently released, which may be the reason Morris' music is not very well known.

The 13-track album was entirely self-written, produced, arranged, and recorded by Morris. It should not be overlooked.

The track, "Betting Man" is one of the few faster-paced songs on the album.

"Go Away" is a slow paced, guitar driven song about a troubled relationship.

The lyrics, "Who am I to tell you that I love you? And who are

you to tell me that I don't?" offers insight to relationship obstacles.

The track "Let Me" is the best on the album.

The way that Morris pairs broad, heartstring melodies with unexpectedly hard hitting bongo drums is beautiful.

The entire album is inspiring and his captivating voice has the power to attract the full attention of an audience.

Morris got his start when he was cast on The Mickey Mouse Club from 1991 to 1994 alongside former cast member, Justin Timberlake.

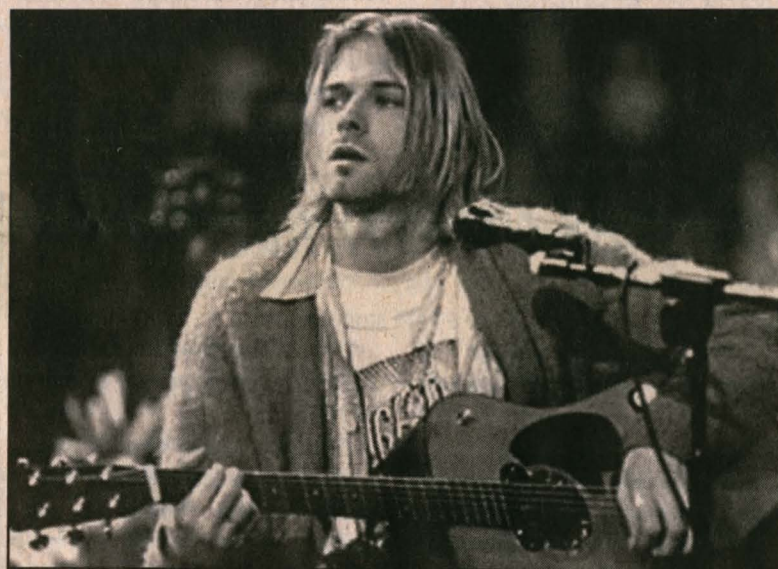
Morris was recently signed as a recording artist to Tennman Records, a record company created by Timberlake and Interscope Records.

"His music is so beyond the last generation," says Timberlake, who co-wrote one song on UnSpoken.

"Matt's stuff allows people to be creative while they're listening. It's just good music," he added.

Morris has reached success as a songwriter on the multi-platinum selling albums of Justin Timberlake, Reba McEntire, Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson.

Morris is currently recording his sophomore album in Austin, Texas and it is set to be released in late 2008.



Courtesy of lw.com
Kurt Cobain performed at Nirvana's legendary "MTV Unplugged."

Seattle just got famous again

Allison Whiteside
Staff Writer

The sign leading into Aberdeen, Washington reads: "Welcome to Aberdeen- Come as you are." This small Washington city was the hometown of a musician who helped make the grunge scene what it was.

The DVD "Kurt Cobain About a Son" contains audio tape from a previously unreleased interview from Kurt Cobain with writer Michael Azerrad.

Cobain was born on Feb. 20, 1967 in Aberdeen. In the DVD, he recounts his childhood in rural Washington.

During the beginning of the interview, he discusses his hatred for his father and how he always felt different from other kids. He also explains how he was diagnosed as being manic-depressive at nine years old.

Cobain recounts how he was first introduced to music by his aunt Mary. She gave him a Beatles album and a guitar. From that point on, he knew what he wanted to do.

The DVD then moves from Aberdeen to Olympia, Washington where Cobain became more active in the music scene. The DVD finally brings the viewer to the final Washington city in Cobain's life, Seattle.

Cobain discusses his drug addiction and how he met his future wife, Courtney Love. Cobain and Love were married on

Feb. 24, 1992.

Cobain also talks about his daughter, Frances Bean Cobain and how he wanted to be a good father.

During the last 30 minutes of the DVD Cobain expresses how he had had suicidal thoughts and explained how he had wanted to "shoot himself in the head."

Cobain was found dead on April 8, 1994, in his Seattle home.

The death certificate for Cobain said the cause of death was "a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head." Cobain committed suicide one year after the final interview.

The actual date of Cobain's death is unknown, but the report for his death estimates he died on April 5.

This DVD contains no video footage of Cobain. The video footage is all scenes from Washington, moving from Aberdeen to Olympia to Seattle, all the places that affected Cobain's life.

The finals scenes in the video are pictures from Nirvana concerts and portraits of Cobain.

The DVD is compelling because it offers insight into one of the most influential musicians of the early 90s.

However it seems to drag on because there are no visuals of Cobain until the last few minutes of the DVD.

If you just listen you will learn a lot about Cobain's life and what influenced him.

Step up to the streets "2"

Vanessa Looney
Staff Writer

Andie, who is performed by Briana Evigan, is the girl that always seems to be doing everything wrong, but overcomes with dance in the feature film, "Step Up 2 the Streets."

She doesn't attend any of her classes, her legal guardian is about to kick her out of the house and send her to Texas, and her friends that are supposed to be family to her are always testing her loyalty.

Her life is miserable but there is a glimmer of hope.

Andie sees Maryland's performing arts school as a second chance to make things right.

There are new friends she meets there, which includes Chase Collins, performed by Robert Hoffman.

Lastly there are new challenges, such as her original dance crew who kick her out and leaves her to build a new one with the talent that is unforeseen at the school.

It's hard to find dancers that are actors or actors that are dancers.

One must depend on the corny love story between Andie and Chase, the characters that bring out the talent in the movie, and the very end when we finally get to see what Andie's crew is made of.

An example was when the different crews head outdoors and Andie's crew then dance in the rain. This created a scene of water combined with dance in an amazing mix of movement and sex appeal.

What I loved about this movie was the opportunity for all of these unknowns to come out and show the world what they love to do.

As of February 18, the movie ranked number two behind the box office.

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Sisters fight Muslim stereotypes

Bart S. Alvara
Staff Writer

Nada and Huda Knoud, 24 and 22 are sisters, and Muslims from the United Arab Emirates at CSUSB.

Both are used to the stereotypes of Muslims in America.

Nada prefers to wear traditional head scarf and body-covering clothing.

Huda dresses like a typical American girl.

After arriving here in 2003, they found it hard to adjust.

"When I would wake I would imagine I was in my old house, my bigger room," Huda said. "Yet then I would realize I was here. It was not a feeling that goes away quickly."

"I could not get used to the feeling that I was a bad stranger," Nada recounts. "I felt alone, that I

could not just go to a neighbor and ask for help."

The move from the United Arab Emirates came as a result of trying to get citizenship, from any country that would recognize the Palestinian sisters.

"No country would recognize us," Huda said. "For things like traveling or school it made it hard or nearly impossible."

When citizenship was finally granted to the Knouds, it was limited, only allowing some of their large family to live in America.

Nada and Huda's older siblings had to stay behind.

"We're split emotionally and financially," Huda said. "It's not like you love one family member more than the other."

Both sisters immediately wished to learn and become a part of American society. Learning English and getting an education

was a top priority.

"People who leave their home are always looking for something," Nada said. "Freedom to practice their rights or protection. For us it was the opportunity for education.

Not to abuse it, but to gain from it and at the same time help the others around me."

The diversity of the Middle East and Islam can be seen in the sisters. Nada, wearing the traditional head scarf called Hijab, said that its meaning changes from person to person and is not a symbol of oppression for her.

"It is such a bad myth that I am forced to wear this," Nada said. "I walk with pride because I feel closer to my faith. I wear it because I feel personally responsible, and reminded, to uphold values."

Huda has chosen not to wear the Hijab, to dispel the myth that

Muslim women are forced to wear this, she quickly points out that her and Nada come from the same family.

"I am not required to wear it. My family knows it's a personal choice and respect that."

"My sister can handle these bad questions," Huda said in reference to some hate speech Nada has been subjected to. "I feel that people will pick on me, and how I respond to that represents an entire culture and religion. I do not know if I could handle myself like my sister."

The two sisters are part of numerous student groups including the Muslim Student Alliance, Students for International Knowledge, Amnesty International, the model U.N. and Students for Justice in Palestine.



Bart S. Alvara/Chronicle

Nada Knoud(right) and Huda Knoud (top center) are trying to dispel the stereotypes of Muslims.

Reflections on struggle against racism

Stephanie Rodriguez
Staff Writer

A powerful voice filled the room as people looked up to listen. The strong voice sang a song as people moved their heads. Silence was golden and only one voice was heard.

More than 100 people sat and listened as guest speaker Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon talked about African-Americans and their struggle through racism on Feb. 19 in the SMSU event center.

Reagon did not just talk about the struggle against racism, she

sang about it through the songs that were created by people in the Civil Rights Movement.

She talked about the Civil Rights Movement

from its beginning in the 1950s and its continuation through the 60s.

Reagon sang songs from several different time periods and she shared some of her own experiences.

Some of the older audience members knew some of the songs Reagon sang and sang along with her.

Most of the songs came from hymns, famous poetry writers such as Langston Hughes and other music that was created during that era.

"When they sang these songs they knew they were on a battle field," said

Reagon. The songs meant something to the people and it represented their hardships and their struggle. It gave encouragement and gave them strength to keep on going to end racism.

"Freedom never dies, freedom

never dies, I said freedom never dies. No bomb can kill the dreams I hold, freedom never dies," sang Reagon.

Throughout Reagon's, speech she talked about segregation, oppression, sit-ins, and the freedom rides that African-Americans had to go through in the South.

"In order for somebody to oppress you, they don't need a lot of guns, but just a few to the point where you oppress yourself," said Reagon. Reagon has been a major cultural voice for freedom and justice, singing, teaching, and lecturing.

A day of remembrance - WWII internment

Natasha Hamid
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A day of remembrance marks a sad story of displacement and loss.

Feb. 19 is forever marked as a Day of Remembrance for Japanese-Americans who suffered U.S. internment camps.

"It is good to remember a minority that has suffered so much and is often over looked," said CSUSB student Karen Tolladay.

The attacks on Pearl Harbor in Dec. 1941 brought the U.S. into a time of war hysteria. Residents were in fear of more Japanese attacks, especially in California, Oregon and Washington.

These states demanded that people of Japanese ancestry be removed and relocated to isolated areas.

As a result of building pressure, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942 to establish internment camps across the Western Regions. This effectively invalidated civil liberties for Japanese Americans.

The executive order gave our government a wide-range of pow-

ers of removal and relocation.

Thousands of people of Japanese decent, both American citizens and others, were forced into the camps. The vast majority of these citizens had never shown any acts of disloyalty.

The families were ordered to move with minimal household goods, including one set each of items such as eating utensils and bed linens, minimal clothing and personal items, according to Dave Maddox.

Ed Kiyohara, 21 at that time, was a college student from Sumner, Wash., near Seattle. He remembers the days of living behind barbed wire, while being watched by armed guards.

"Every now and then I would get on the garbage truck, sit in the back with the garbage and get into Sumner Main Street. He'd slow down and I'd jump off. We'd go to my friend's ice cream shop," Kiyohara told National Public Radio (NPR).

Kiyohara explained how much this upset his parents because they knew it was illegal. Kiyohara recalls a specific run-in with police. When he jumped off the garbage truck a police officer

stopped him.

The officer asked him what he was doing and Kiyohara told him the truth.

"Don't walk around town because it makes me look bad," said the officer. "You're not supposed to be here."

Kiyohara kept moving. "I didn't have any money so the owner said you never need money."

Kiyohara said he would never forget this kindness.

Kiyohara went on to volunteer for the United States Army. He earned a Purple Heart and served with the famous all-Japanese 442 Regimental Combat team.

On August 10, 1988, the U.S. Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 after decades of reparations efforts.

The act authorized an apology to those affected, including acknowledgement and reparations.

President Bill Clinton wrote a letter of apology, which was sent with a check for \$20,000 in reparations to victims of the WWII internment. The first recipient was 107 years old.



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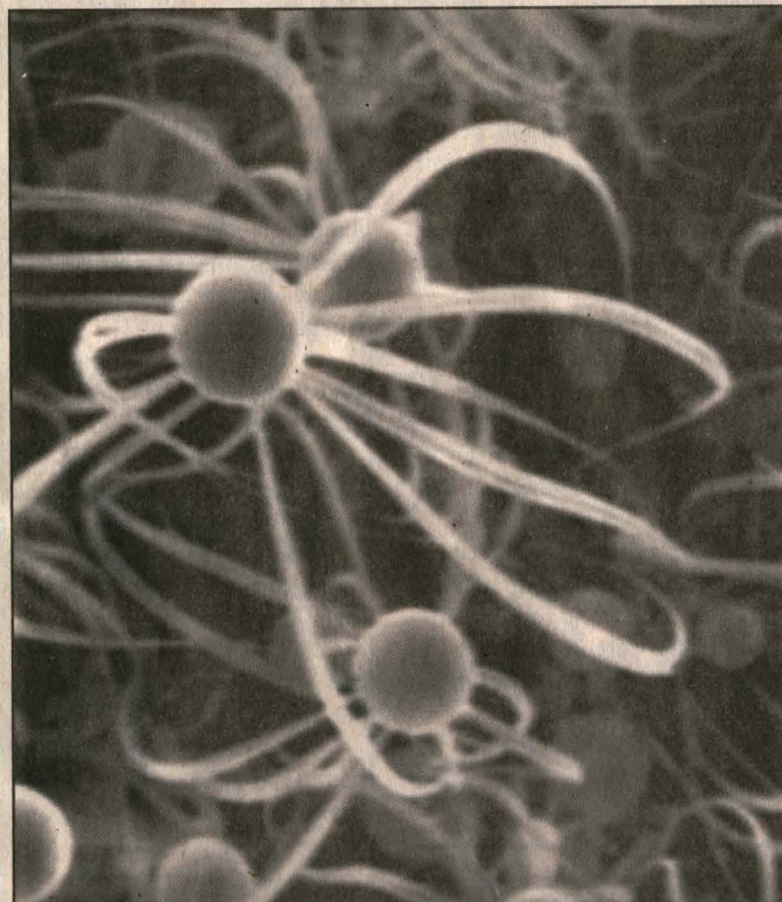
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Americans need stem cell research

David Raclin
Staff Writer

Stem cell research is coming. The three top presidential candidates - Obama and Clinton for the Democrats and McCain from the Republicans - are all in favor of its research and use.

Stem cells, according to the website of the National Institutes of Health, can turn into many different body cell types. They can act as a repair system, dividing endlessly and replacing damaged tissue as long as a person remains alive.



Courtesy www.nanoarchitecture.net
Stem cells like these could be the wave of our medical future.

Each time a stem cell divides, each new cell can remain a stem cell or become muscle, blood, brain or something else the body needs.

Recent research reported on by ABC documents stroke treatment in rats using stem cells. The treatment helped the rats recover from the damage their research-induced strokes caused. Human tests are expected within five years.

Meanwhile, a study performed by the University of Wisconsin found that about three-quarters of Americans ethically

disapprove of nanotechnology, which is often used in conjunction with stem cell research.

The study about the morality of nanotechnology, or tiny machines, found that only about 29 percent of Americans approved of the technology while Europeans, primarily the French, approved of it by huge margins.

The difference, the study authors reported, seems to be the religiosity of Americans.

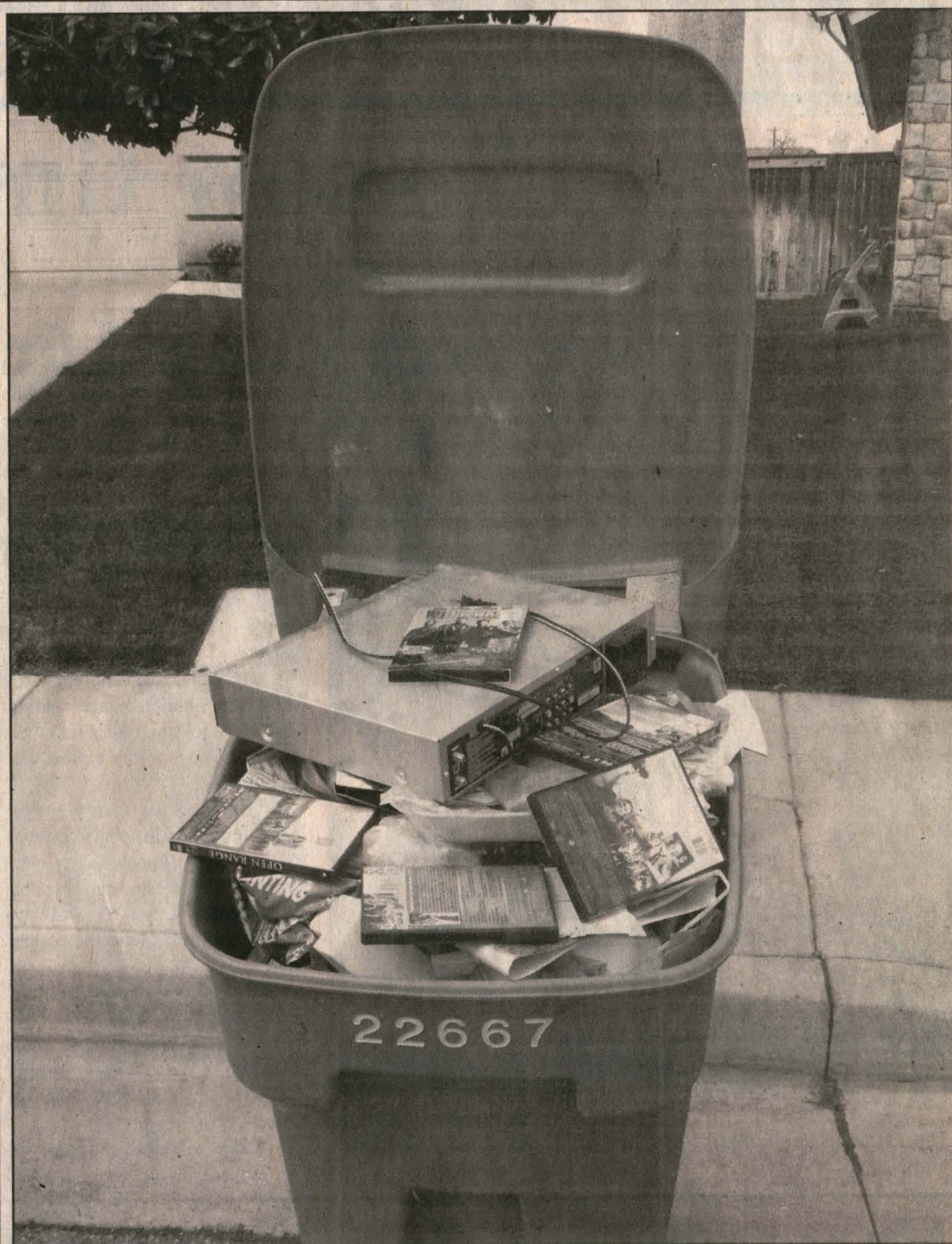
This recent study, as well as others about stem cells, biotechnology and nanotechnology, seem to get lumped together into America's reticence to play God, or allow others to do so.

But don't we, as a country, allow our leaders to play God with people in the rest of the world?

We decide which foreign leaders must be removed from the office and hunted to their spider holes. We determine which genocides we are willing to intervene in, nothing for Rwanda for example, but lots of strongly worded speeches at the United Nations for Darfur, and even thousands of troops for Kosovo.

Stem cell research will likely lead to cures for a myriad of medical problems. Methods of gathering stem cells that do not require harvesting them from human embryos will also likely be developed.

Will about three-quarters of Americans come around and see stem cells as a tool, or will this technology and any number of others always be seen as tinkering with the eternal and unchangeable plan of an ineffable being which may or may not judge us upon our deaths? Only time will tell.



Scott Sanderson/Chronicle

Though Toshiba will still help HD-DVD owners with their product, HD-DVD is, in effect, trashed.

Blu-ray takes out HD-DVD

Scott Sanderson
Staff Writer

Toshiba has pushed the eject button on HD-DVD, making the Blu-ray victorious in the format war. This may make some people happy that there will now be only one high-definition format. This turn of events can make consumers who bought or have consumed HD-DVD products angry.

Toshiba and Sony have been at war for over two years. Toshiba said last week that it will stop making and distributing its HD-DVD players, leaving Sony's Blu-ray player as the winner in the high-definition format war.

Comparing Blu-ray and HD-DVD however, comes down to numbers and slight differences.

Both Blu-ray and HD-DVD use the same kind of 405nm wavelength blue-violet laser, but their optics differ in two ways. The Blu-ray disc has a tighter track pitch, which is the single thread of data that spirals from the inside of the disc all the way out.

It's not about how fast a CD

spins, it's about how much information can be attained at once and how much information can be on a CD. This is why Blu-ray won the war. Blu-ray's format allows it to read more densely packed information than HD-DVD, which lets more information store on one Disc.

This allows for more audio and higher resolution to be picked up by the Blu-ray reader as well as more content compared to HD-DVD format, which has less space to work with.

HD-DVD discs deliver 15GB and 30GB on a single disc and dual-layer discs, where as Blu-ray Discs hold 25GB and 50GB. Blu-ray is able to have a higher amount of data because the laser is closer to the data on the disc.

Another difference between HD-DVD and Blu-ray is that HD-DVD has a thinner disc than the Blu-ray because it has less of a protection layer. HD-DVD protection is at .6mm and Blu-ray is at .1mm.

So what about the consumers who just got kicked in the shins for

spending hundreds of dollars on HD-DVD players and disks for it to be kicked to the curb? What should they do?

Should they trash their HD-DVD products and go out and buy a new Blu-ray player and disk?

I would say don't trash your disk yet, just pawn your HD-DVD player. Then you should buy a Blu-ray HD-DVD combo, so you can still view your HD-DVD movies.

Buying a Play Station 3 would be one of the cheap ways to get a Blu-ray player. It retails for about \$399. This would be a great buy if someone is looking to get a Blu-ray player because it can also store movies, clips and play games.

Another reason I suggest getting a combo driver is because the HD-DVD disk will start to cost less and soon be like video tapes.

In the end it's sad that Toshiba gave up, because now there are less companies to keep the market price down. Toshiba was lowering their prices, which made Blu-ray do the same. Now that Toshiba is out of the format war, the drop in prices might dwindle.

Parameters	Blu-ray Disc	HD DVD
Storage capacity	25GB single layer	15GB single layer
	50GB double layer	30GB double layer
Laser wavelength	405nm (blue laser)	405nm (blue laser)
Disc diameter	120mm	120mm
Disc thickness	1.2mm	1.2mm
Protection layer	0.1mm	0.6mm
Hard coating	Yes	No
Data transfer rate (data)	36.0Mbps (1x)	36.55Mbps (1x)
Data transfer rate (video/audio)	54.0Mbps (1.5x)	36.55Mbps (1x)
Video resolution (max)	1920 x 1080 (1080p)	1920 x 1080 (1080p)
Video bit rate (max)	40.0Mbps	28.0Mbps

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Blu-ray has trumped Toshiba's HD-DVD efforts to stay afloat, as you can see by this comparison.

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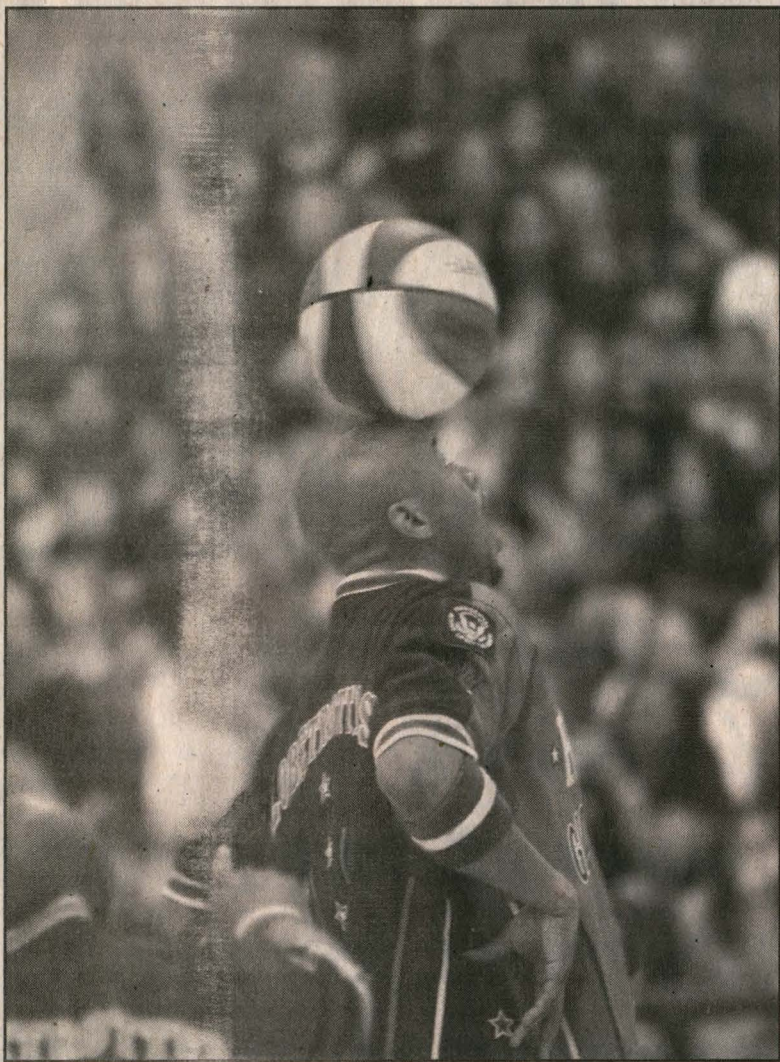
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It's "GT" show time at CSUSB



Viet Nguyen/ Chronicle

The Harlem Globetrotters recently performed at the Coussoulis arena.

Scott Heaton
Staff Writer

High flying dunks, no look passes, comedians on the floor and a player getting "pantied" while going up for a lay-up excited the audience when the Harlem Globetrotters came to Coussoulis Arena last Monday.

The crowd came to their feet when Globetrotter Hollywood acrobatically slam-dunked an alley-hoop pass from his teammate Special K in the beginning of the game.

Right after the slam dunk, the team went into a dance routine. The audience soon became aware that this was not your typical basketball game.

"I thought the show was very entertaining," said Jennifer May, a 27-year-old school teacher who was enjoying her first Harlem Globetrotters game. "I was surprised at how athletic the players were."

The Globetrotters' athletic ability was showcased at the 2008 NBA Slam Dunk contest when Jamario Moon, a former Globetrotter, participated in the contest.

Moon, who now plays for the Toronto Raptors of the NBA, had

two amazing dunks: a 360 off a high toss and a lefty catch-and-jam while taking off just inside the foul line. However, the casual fan who doesn't like to participate in the show or get wet should not sit close to the court.

Audience participation is a big part of the show, as is getting people wet. At one point in the show Special K went into the stands and found a young boy who he brought

"I was surprised at how athletic the players were..."

onto the court in the middle of the game.

Special K convinced the referee that the young boy was a member of the team so he could stay and play with the team.

The lucky young boy got to shoot the ball while all of the Harlem Globetrotters got on their knees and prayed for him to make the shot.

The crowd went crazy when the little boy made his third shot and Special K took him to half-court to give him an official Harlem Globetrotter's jersey.

The Harlem Globetrotters have only lost two times in their

last 12,597 games since 1962.

However, the audience thought they might witness history when the Washington Generals were winning at halftime by a score of 39-35.

Luckily for the Globetrotters, they were able to come back to win 69-59. The Harlem Globetrotters are celebrating their eighty-second consecutive year of touring the world.

They have played in 118 countries on six continents, entertaining over 125 million people, according to harlemglobetrotters.com. The Globetrotters have been crossing barriers between cultures, societies and people from all walks of life.

The Globetrotters have not been short on talent throughout the years as they have jump started a lot of NBA careers. The most famous and dominant player for the Harlem Globetrotters is Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain.

Chamberlain was signed by the Globetrotters upon graduating from the University of Kansas to one of the largest contracts in sports, according to harlemglobetrotters.com.

Chamberlain went from the Globetrotters to the NBA, where he had a Hall of Fame career.

Minich prepares to throw strikes

FeShea McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Stay focused. Stay relaxed. These are techniques that the Coyotes' pitchers use to mentally prepare for a big game.

The pressure is on, the conference is here. Senior pitcher Ward Minich is not worried.

Minich has his strategy set: win games.

It seems like a simple feat, but can the Coyote pitchers pull it off? This closer believes so.

"We all have the same outlook, we're all trying to achieve the same goals," Minich said.

The team is out to win the conference, and they have only each other to rely on.

Last season provided lessons that Minich carries with him into this upcoming conference year.

"Each day is a new day," he said. "You can't think about the last game, or even the ones coming up. You have to say focused on the task that is at hand."

This lesson is especially crucial when the Coyotes are facing a four games series. It may be easy to be caught up on the next game, or dwell on the games preceding.

"We have to stay focused on double header games," said Minich. "We can't just give up or die after one game."

Strategy. Mental preparation. Minich is in the dugout, witnessing all the action. He waits until his arm is called on to try to help his team to victory, to try and be one step ahead of the competition.

"I prepare. I watch hitters to see what kind of approach they take," he said. "I visualize what I need to do once I get in the game."

Pressure comes along with the game of baseball. It is a team sport that relies on individual performance, both on the field, and up to bat.

One error can cost a game. Minich learned this painful lesson against Pomona-Pitzer on Feb. 12. The Coyotes had a 5-1 lead on the Sagehens going into the ninth.

The game was expected to be over, an easy win, until right hander Michael Leal was met with a lead-off double in the top of the ninth.

Pomona-Pitzer went on to score three runs to make the score 5-4. Minich was called on to shut down the Sagehens. He failed.

Minich dropped a throw for what would've been the third and final out. That error led to a run and a loss for the Coyotes. As a closer, to provide a win seems like a lot of pressure.

"I don't want to let the team down," Minich said. "I want to do whatever it takes to get the team to win, and get the team to the conference championship."

Kurt Sanders, the pitching coach for the Coyotes, has emphasized the importance of the pitching staff and their need to deliver. Minich feels he is prepared.

"Sanders has us prepared, physically and mentally for the task we are trying to achieve," he said. With strong pitching and hard work, Minich and the Coyotes intend to shut down the competition.

Hartman's passion

Rick Trujillo
Staff Writer

The women's water polo team has players that have grown in and out of the water. One player that shines for the Coyotes this year is sophomore Kaitlin Hartman.

Hartman has returned for a second year with 10 goals in the first five matches.

Water polo has been Hartman's passion for the past eight years, with some inspiration from her family. "My older sister played water polo, and I just decided that I would too. I started in seventh grade and went on to play club water polo year-around all through high school," said Hartman.

While Hartman was growing up she played other sports like soccer, cross-country, and swimming.

In addition to the pool, she has

made her mark on campus as well.

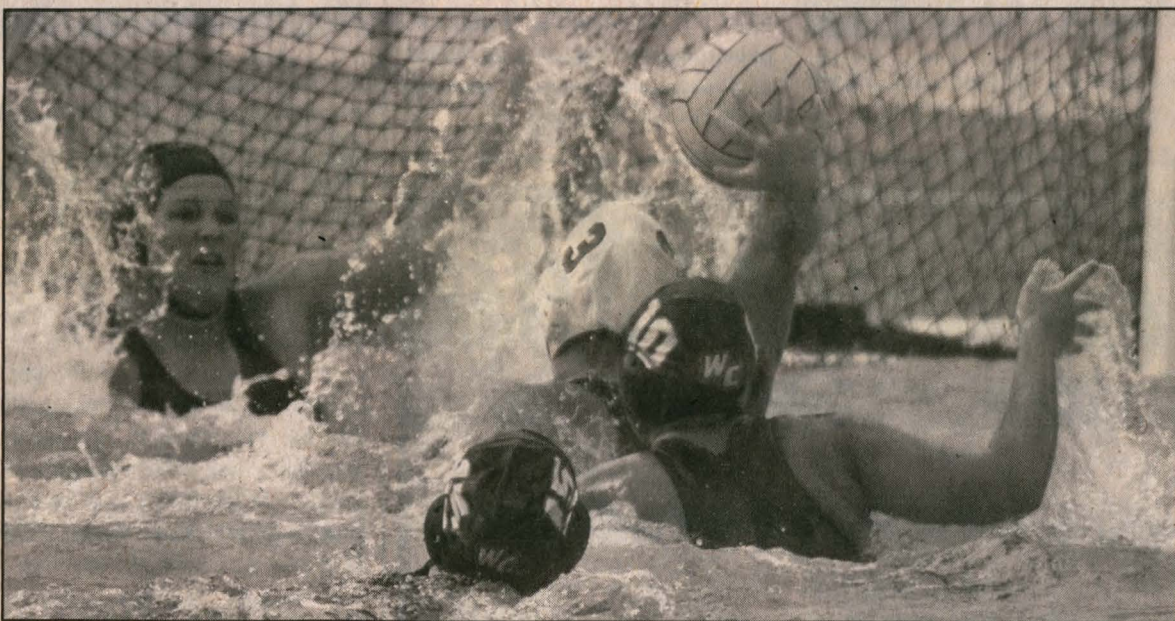
The 19-year-old Seattle native has been honored by making the Dean's list every quarter that she has attended CSUSB, which will help her receive the Pup of the Year award for the 2007 season.

The award is presented every year by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to the most outstanding athlete in their first year of competition.

When choosing to attend CSUSB, Hartman said she made a decision that she was going to leave Washington and pursue water polo at the college level.

"I applied to eight schools, some with really good academics, and some with really good polo," said Hartman. "I knew that I wanted to play water polo in a college so I had to get out of Washington, because they do not offer any

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Courtesy of Sarah Schweiger

Sophomore Kaitlin Hartman takes a shot against her opponent. Hartman is one of the highlights of the women's water polo team this season.

NCAA programs in the entire state," Hartman hopes the team will achieve their season goals and keeps some personal goals in mind as well.

"I want to increase my swimming speed, which is going quite

well. Coach Finwall has been conditioning us like crazy so I am already faster than I was last year," said Hartman. The water polo team has some goals of their own.

"Our team this year has one goal in mind and that is to be conference champs. I have complete

confidence that we can achieve this," said Hartman. "We will have to work together as a unit and focus during every single work out, but the team wants it bad so I know we can do it."

Coyotes golf team ready to tee off

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Take note.

Golf is a sport.

It is a sport that takes determination and self-discipline.

Odds are in favor of the Coyote's men's golf team.

The Coyotes were Western Regional Champions in 2007 and they are returning four out of five players. However, this is a new year.

Head Coach Thomas Mainez Jr. feels this year he has a strong team.

"This team is good," he said. "They are very talented, but everybody is going to need their A-game to advance."

The team is small this year compared to previous years.

Mainez has only six players, with only five traveling.

"We can't afford to have one person off with such a small team," he said. "Every score is going to count."

The Coyote's golf team has a busy schedule when attending tournaments and there are approx-

imately four tournaments that take place every quarter.

The team travels on Sundays, and plays 36 holes on Monday.

Thirty-six holes can account for a 10-hour day.

The team returns on Tuesday to play 18 more holes before they travel home on Tuesday nights.

The golf tournaments' scores are determined by the best four scores out of five on each round, with up to fifteen other schools competing.

For the first tournament in the spring, the CS San Marcos tournament, the Coyotes finished fifth out of 22, while facing Division One competition.

"It was a good showing," said Mainez. "Usually for the first tournament in the spring, they are a little rusty. They did okay."

Golf is often viewed as a hobby retired people enjoy, but Mainez wants to deter these attitudes about the sport.

"It takes a lot of self-discipline to be a competitive golfer," he said. "It takes talent, and physical ability."

Mainez explained that it is the

fight against yourself that provides the biggest challenge. It takes discipline and focus.

At the level and talent the Coyotes occupy, Mainez coaches them on mental preparation over fundamentals.

"I need to get them in the mindset that they are all good players. They can all play together, and play well."

Sophomore Gene Webster, Jr. has continued to stand out for the Coyotes.

He won the regional individual title as a freshman last year and was also named co-athlete of the year.

It was the first time in history a freshman has been nominated.

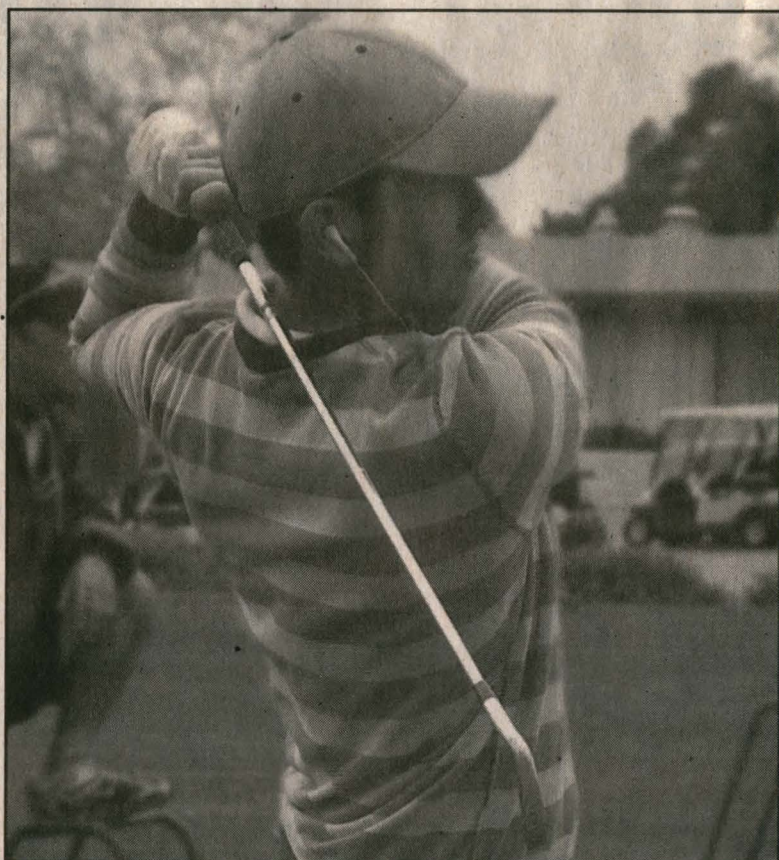
Webster isn't done improving.

"I am making some swing changes, and I am looking forward to great improvement in the spring," he said.

Webster has big goals for the team.

"Everyone is going through changes right now, but I think we are going to turn it around towards the end of the season."

Senior Dane Bagnell agrees



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Dane Bagnell drives the ball during practice.

with Webster about the changes occurring.

He admits he has struggled in the Fall, but looks forward to turning that around.

"I have been working hard to try to improve," he said.

"Everyone is starting to play better now, so hopefully we will make a run at regional."